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HIGHLIGHTS OF MIAMI-FORT LAUDERDALE, FL NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY DECEMBER 2000

Workers in the Miami metropolitan area averaged \$15.20 per hour during December 2000, according to a new survey released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin reported that white-collar workers averaged \$18.61 per hour and accounted for 53 percent of the workers in the area. Blue-collar employees averaged \$12.23 per hour and represented 24 percent of the workforce, while the remainder worked in service occupations and earned \$10.03 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government. This NCS covered 295 firms representing 721,800 workers in the Miami metropolitan area, which includes Broward and Dade Counties in Florida. Seventy-three percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the Miami metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for over 100 detailed occupations. (See table 1.) Among white-collar workers, registered nurses averaged \$22.75 per hour; social workers, \$13.14; and bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks, \$12.70. Blue-collar occupations included electricians earning \$13.70 per hour, bus drivers at \$12.62, and stock handlers and baggers at \$7.67. In the service occupations, public service police and detectives averaged \$22.52 per hour; nursing aides, orderlies and attendants, \$8.32; and janitors and cleaners, \$7.41.

The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics. (See tables 2 and 3.) For example, full-time employees in the Miami area averaged \$15.84 per hour and part-timers earned \$9.29. Union workers in blue-collar jobs averaged \$15.36 per hour, while their nonunion counterparts made \$11.01. Private industry workers at establishments employing 50-99 workers averaged \$12.44 per hour, while those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$17.63.

The NCS is part of a statistical program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of data available. Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an

occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgement, supervision received, and other factors required on the job.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL National Compensation Survey December 2000 (Bulletin 3110-14). While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the Atlanta Information Office by calling 404-331-3415. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/home.htm>. Select survey tables can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service in Atlanta by dialing 404-331-3403 and requesting document 9520.

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey, as well as other Bureau programs, contact the Atlanta Information Office at 404-331-3415 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL, December 2000

Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
All	\$15.20	2.2	\$13.98	2.8	\$18.47	3.9
All excluding sales	15.49	2.3	14.23	3.0	18.52	4.0
White collar	18.61	2.4	17.82	3.1	20.32	4.1
White collar excluding sales	19.74	2.5	19.35	3.1	20.42	4.2
Professional specialty and technical	24.72	3.4	24.52	5.5	24.97	3.2
Professional specialty	24.86	2.8	24.35	4.7	25.32	3.2
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	25.00	4.8	28.40	6.3	23.80	6.2
Civil engineers	21.64	3.5	—	—	—	—
Engineers, n.e.c.	23.62	3.3	—	—	—	—
Mathematical and computer scientists	24.64	5.2	24.28	5.4	—	—
Computer systems analysts and scientists	24.64	5.2	24.28	5.4	—	—
Natural scientists	18.18	2.6	18.18	2.6	—	—
Health related	23.79	4.4	24.53	4.5	—	—
Registered nurses	22.75	3.0	23.15	3.3	—	—
Pharmacists	34.71	3.9	34.71	3.9	—	—
Respiratory therapists	18.69	4.2	—	—	—	—
Teachers, college and university	37.97	8.4	—	—	—	—
Other post-secondary teachers	34.64	8.3	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except college and university	27.41	2.4	18.83	6.8	28.26	2.4
Elementary school teachers	28.08	2.8	—	—	—	—
Secondary school teachers	28.39	3.3	—	—	—	—
Teachers, n.e.c.	18.63	8.2	18.63	8.2	—	—
Librarians, archivists, and curators	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social scientists and urban planners	—	—	—	—	—	—
Social, recreation, and religious workers	13.19	2.4	14.00	5.1	12.70	2.3
Social workers	13.14	2.5	13.82	4.9	—	—
Lawyers and judges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c.	21.90	14.2	21.91	14.7	—	—
Designers	20.07	14.6	20.07	14.6	—	—
Technical	24.08	14.7	24.92	15.4	14.34	17.9
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	18.19	4.4	18.19	4.4	—	—
Radiological technicians	18.56	3.9	18.56	3.9	—	—
Licensed practical nurses	14.62	2.3	14.62	2.3	—	—
Health technologists and technicians, n.e.c.	10.95	6.1	11.17	7.7	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians	21.14	9.4	21.14	9.4	—	—
Drafters	16.49	10.5	—	—	—	—
Airplane pilots and navigators	132.62	27.8	132.62	27.8	—	—
Computer programmers	19.07	7.6	—	—	—	—
Technical and related, n.e.c.	18.58	13.2	—	—	—	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	25.08	4.2	26.51	4.4	22.55	8.1
Executives, administrators, and managers	29.01	5.4	30.26	5.7	26.26	10.5
Financial managers	35.54	11.3	37.83	12.5	—	—
Administrators, education and related fields	32.56	17.1	—	—	—	—
Managers, medicine and health	25.13	9.5	25.13	9.5	—	—
Managers, service organizations, n.e.c.	16.83	13.9	16.83	13.9	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	30.46	8.7	32.41	7.9	—	—
Management related	20.92	5.7	21.85	5.7	19.61	11.1
Accountants and auditors	21.66	5.2	21.97	6.3	20.84	9.9
Other financial officers	26.78	9.9	26.78	9.9	—	—
Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists	19.63	10.0	—	—	—	—
Construction inspectors	18.17	5.6	—	—	—	—
Management related, n.e.c.	20.27	15.1	21.73	15.9	—	—
Sales	11.69	8.5	11.75	8.6	—	—
Supervisors, sales	12.04	9.2	12.04	9.2	—	—
Sales workers, other commodities	10.35	21.0	10.35	21.0	—	—
Sales counter clerks	7.55	7.0	7.55	7.0	—	—
Cashiers	7.44	3.0	7.38	3.1	—	—
Sales support, n.e.c.	11.90	20.3	11.90	20.3	—	—
Administrative support, including clerical	12.70	3.2	12.76	4.1	12.57	5.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
White collar —Continued						
Administrative support, including clerical —Continued						
Supervisors, general office	\$17.20	6.7	\$17.20	8.1	—	—
Secretaries	14.66	3.9	15.29	6.3	\$14.07	4.4
Hotel clerks	9.01	3.7	9.01	3.7	—	—
Transportation ticket and reservation agents	13.77	13.3	13.77	13.3	—	—
Receptionists	9.25	6.9	9.25	6.9	—	—
Order clerks	10.53	2.6	10.53	2.6	—	—
Records clerks, n.e.c.	12.95	6.5	13.28	9.4	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks	12.70	3.2	12.41	3.2	14.26	4.2
Billing clerks	10.05	7.5	10.05	7.5	—	—
Telephone operators	11.86	13.3	—	—	—	—
Mail clerks, except postal service	10.08	9.3	10.08	9.3	—	—
Dispatchers	12.49	6.0	11.67	8.0	13.05	8.1
Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks	11.64	3.7	11.64	3.7	—	—
Stock and inventory clerks	9.33	7.3	8.77	6.3	—	—
Investigators and adjusters, except insurance	14.31	6.8	14.31	6.8	—	—
Bill and account collectors	12.78	5.3	12.56	7.2	—	—
General office clerks	11.49	4.9	11.26	6.7	11.79	7.5
Bank tellers	10.63	3.6	10.63	3.6	—	—
Data entry keyers	9.84	3.3	9.59	3.9	—	—
Administrative support, n.e.c.	11.88	2.6	11.64	3.4	—	—
Blue collar	12.23	2.9	11.73	2.9	14.15	7.4
Precision production, craft, and repair						
Bus, truck, and stationary engine mechanics	15.78	3.7	15.52	3.6	16.77	10.6
Industrial machinery repairers	14.67	4.1	14.00	1.6	—	—
Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c.	14.52	7.2	—	—	—	—
Electricians	15.75	10.9	15.84	12.4	—	—
Supervisors, production	13.70	6.6	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, production	16.57	8.9	16.57	8.9	—	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors						
Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c.	10.91	11.9	9.63	6.5	—	—
Welders and cutters	9.49	7.6	9.49	7.6	—	—
Assemblers	19.40	11.0	—	—	—	—
Assemblers	9.29	9.5	9.29	9.5	—	—
Transportation and material moving						
Truck drivers	12.54	3.4	12.44	4.6	12.81	3.5
Bus drivers	12.03	5.1	11.91	5.2	—	—
Motor transportation, n.e.c.	12.62	4.1	—	—	—	—
Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators ..	14.91	17.0	14.95	18.1	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c.	9.20	6.7	9.20	6.7	—	—
Miscellaneous material moving equipment operators, n.e.c.	14.64	18.9	—	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers						
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	9.61	3.2	9.14	3.3	11.34	7.0
Supervisors, handlers, equipment cleaners, and laborers, n.e.c.	9.97	16.0	—	—	—	—
Helpers, mechanics and repairers	12.22	7.6	11.50	8.4	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	9.86	12.4	9.86	12.4	—	—
Construction laborers	12.77	9.0	—	—	—	—
Garbage collectors	10.55	4.3	10.28	4.5	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	12.66	.9	—	—	—	—
Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c.	7.67	3.1	7.67	3.1	—	—
Hand packers and packagers	12.35	8.1	12.64	8.7	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	8.25	6.3	8.25	6.3	—	—
Laborers, except construction, n.e.c.	8.54	5.1	8.03	5.6	—	—
Service						
Protective service	10.03	4.7	8.01	3.6	16.65	9.9
Supervisors, police and detectives	15.81	11.3	8.58	7.0	20.22	4.5
Supervisors, guards	32.39	4.5	—	—	32.39	4.5
Firefighting	11.76	10.4	—	—	—	—
Firefighting	17.10	4.6	—	—	17.10	4.6

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Occupation ³	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)	Mean	Relative error ⁴ (percent)
Service —Continued						
Protective service —Continued						
Police and detectives, public service	\$22.52	2.0	—	—	\$22.52	2.0
Guards and police, except public service	8.37	7.2	\$8.37	7.2	—	—
Food service	6.30	4.6	6.30	4.6	—	—
Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders	3.49	9.4	3.49	9.4	—	—
Bartenders	4.30	9.7	4.30	9.7	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	3.13	10.6	3.13	10.6	—	—
Waiters'/Waitresses' assistants	4.34	13.8	4.34	13.8	—	—
Other food service	7.84	3.8	7.84	3.8	—	—
Cooks	10.01	6.7	10.01	6.7	—	—
Food counter, fountain, and related	5.82	5.0	5.82	5.0	—	—
Kitchen workers, food preparation	8.11	4.1	8.11	4.1	—	—
Food preparation, n.e.c.	6.33	4.5	6.33	4.5	—	—
Health service	8.52	3.6	8.34	3.3	—	—
Health aides, except nursing	8.84	5.6	8.84	5.6	—	—
Nursing aides, orderlies and attendants	8.32	4.7	8.03	3.8	—	—
Cleaning and building service	7.42	3.2	7.20	3.1	—	—
Supervisors, cleaning and building service workers	12.27	6.9	12.27	6.9	—	—
Maids and housemen	6.61	3.4	6.48	3.7	—	—
Janitors and cleaners	7.41	3.8	7.09	3.6	—	—
Personal service	13.11	13.1	14.40	14.1	7.66	7.1
Attendants, amusement, and recreation facilities	7.43	6.9	—	—	—	—
Public transportation attendants	39.71	12.7	39.71	12.7	—	—
Baggage porters and bellhops	6.34	15.2	6.34	15.2	—	—
Child care workers, n.e.c.	8.25	6.9	8.25	6.9	—	—
Service, n.e.c.	8.16	10.1	8.13	12.4	—	—

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 2. Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL, December 2000

Occupational group	Private industry and State and local government					
	Full-time workers ³	Part-time workers ³	Union ⁴	Nonunion ⁴	Time ⁵	Incentive ⁵
	Mean					
All occupations	\$15.84	\$9.29	\$20.43	\$13.64	\$15.09	\$20.03
All excluding sales	15.99	9.88	20.46	13.86	15.44	18.36
White collar	19.12	12.23	24.70	16.98	18.48	24.86
White-collar excluding sales	19.82	17.85	24.86	18.13	19.67	29.92
Professional specialty and technical	24.93	21.42	31.64	21.29	24.72	—
Professional specialty	24.95	23.27	27.60	23.12	24.86	—
Technical	24.82	15.19	—	15.68	24.08	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	25.18	—	24.43	25.18	24.72	—
Sales	13.45	7.20	—	11.47	10.34	22.88
Administrative support, including clerical	12.71	12.53	13.33	12.55	12.66	17.54
Blue collar	12.58	8.16	15.36	11.01	12.10	15.46
Precision production, craft, and repair	15.82	—	17.85	14.81	15.69	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	10.92	—	—	9.46	10.91	—
Transportation and material moving	12.48	—	14.51	11.37	12.28	14.62
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	10.09	7.80	12.30	8.69	9.56	—
Service	10.75	6.71	17.77	7.82	10.04	—
	Relative error ⁶ (percent)					
All occupations	2.3	5.9	4.5	2.6	2.3	12.2
All excluding sales	2.4	7.0	4.5	2.7	2.3	9.8
White collar	2.5	7.9	6.1	2.5	2.4	17.5
White-collar excluding sales	2.5	7.7	6.2	2.3	2.5	16.1
Professional specialty and technical	3.5	7.8	5.9	3.0	3.4	—
Professional specialty	3.0	6.4	2.2	3.9	2.8	—
Technical	15.1	13.0	—	4.6	14.7	—
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4.2	—	14.1	4.4	4.3	—
Sales	9.8	2.7	—	9.0	7.6	24.5
Administrative support, including clerical	3.3	5.4	7.2	3.7	3.3	8.5
Blue collar	3.0	6.9	5.4	3.1	3.1	8.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	3.7	—	6.8	4.2	3.8	—
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	11.9	—	—	6.7	11.9	—
Transportation and material moving	3.5	—	6.0	3.7	4.3	12.4
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	3.6	6.6	7.5	3.0	3.2	—
Service	5.4	5.5	9.4	3.8	4.8	—

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³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

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Table 3. Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL, December 2000

Occupational group	Full-time and part-time workers				
	All private industry workers	50 - 99 workers ³	100 workers or more		
			Total	100 - 499 workers	500 workers or more
	Mean				
All occupations	\$13.98	\$12.44	\$14.50	\$12.56	\$17.63
All excluding sales	14.23	12.00	15.00	12.91	18.17
White collar	17.82	16.81	18.08	16.09	20.52
White-collar excluding sales	19.35	16.79	20.00	18.24	21.78
Professional specialty and technical	24.52	17.46	25.62	20.36	30.14
Professional specialty	24.35	17.96	25.36	22.37	28.27
Technical	24.92	16.23	26.23	14.32	33.82
Executive, administrative, and managerial	26.51	25.22	26.94	26.50	27.62
Sales	11.75	16.89	10.25	10.19	10.44
Administrative support, including clerical	12.76	13.26	12.60	12.95	12.24
Blue collar	11.73	11.08	12.04	10.95	15.01
Precision production, craft, and repair	15.52	14.10	16.42	15.07	17.92
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	9.63	9.27	9.92	9.84	—
Transportation and material moving	12.44	11.04	12.93	12.67	13.89
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	9.14	8.55	9.34	8.69	11.71
Service	8.01	6.61	8.52	7.24	10.85
	Relative error ⁴ (percent)				
All occupations	2.8	6.0	3.4	5.2	4.9
All excluding sales	3.0	5.5	3.6	5.6	5.1
White collar	3.1	6.6	3.6	5.4	5.1
White-collar excluding sales	3.1	5.9	3.5	4.7	5.3
Professional specialty and technical	5.5	6.6	6.2	5.7	7.6
Professional specialty	4.7	7.2	5.4	6.6	4.9
Technical	15.4	11.6	16.9	6.9	20.3
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4.4	8.5	5.3	7.8	6.1
Sales	8.6	19.5	6.1	7.8	6.1
Administrative support, including clerical	4.1	13.1	3.5	6.0	3.3
Blue collar	2.9	4.8	3.6	3.9	5.8
Precision production, craft, and repair	3.6	7.5	3.1	5.0	4.6
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	6.5	12.2	6.4	6.3	—
Transportation and material moving	4.6	5.0	5.6	6.8	8.6
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	3.3	6.2	3.8	3.3	12.2
Service	3.6	5.3	4.7	3.9	9.6

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establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

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